

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
MACON DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

V.

LUKE ANDREW WESTEFELD,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 5:24-CR-68 (MTT)

ORDER

The defendant, by and through his attorney, has moved to continue this case until the next trial term. Doc. 21. The defendant was indicted on December 10, 2024, and had his arraignment in this Court on December 30, 2024. Docs. 1; 11. No prior continuances have been granted. The defendant, by and through his counsel, now moves the Court to continue this case to the next trial term to allow additional time for defense counsel to receive and review discovery, investigate the case and prepare pretrial motions. Doc. 21 at 2. The government does not oppose the motion. *Id.* at 1.

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), the Court finds the ends of justice served by granting this continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant to a speedy trial. Accordingly, the motion (Doc. 21) is **GRANTED**. The case is continued from the February term until the Court's next trial term presently scheduled for **March 10, 2025**. The corresponding delay shall be deemed excludable pursuant to the provisions of the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 3161 *et seq.*

SO ORDERED, this 16th day of January, 2025.

S/ Marc T. Treadwell
MARC T. TREADWELL, JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT